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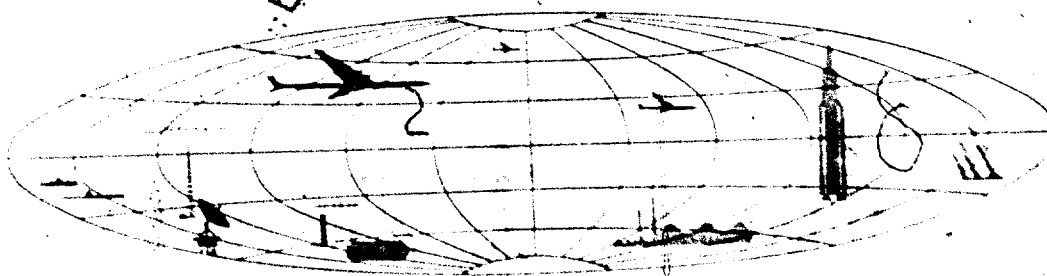
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This report presents the results of a search for ICBM activity along rail lines in the USSR on KEYHOLE photography from Mis-

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[REDACTED] The search was conducted according to the following established criteria:

Examination was made of all stretches of rail line (broad-gauge, main, branch, and spur lines connected to or a part of the main USSR rail network) which were 8 nautical miles (nm) or more in length and were covered for a distance of 25 nm on both sides by photography of good enough quality to determine with a 95% degree of confidence the existence of ICBM complexes with launch areas resembling the soft launch areas (launch areas B, C, E, G, and H) or the hard launch areas (launch areas D, F, I, and K) of the Tyuratam Missile Test Center. It should be noted that the above degree of confidence of detection applies only where a support facility, road pattern, and

one or more launch areas could be discerned.

This search has negated, in terms of ICBM activity, approximately 14,835 nm of Soviet rail line and has produced no evidence of ICBM activity that has not been previously reported.

A total of 33 overlays to World Aeronautical Charts showing all rail lines searched with negative results have been prepared. These overlays also show the location of all ICBM launch complexes identified to date and the applicable KEYHOLE mission pass number on which the rail lines were covered. Copies of the 33 overlays, which constitute a Graphic Supplement to this report, have been forwarded to the CIA requester and to the TALENT control officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, DIA, and NSA. Further reproduction and dissemination of these overlays to subordinate commands will be the responsibility of the above agencies.

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